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On February 4, 1988, Randy Ballard and this writer went to Wastex Research in East St. Louis to sample the waste pile in building 16. The pile is approximately 6 to 7 feet in height and consists of sawdust used to clean up spills, drum liners, and miscellaneous waste.

The samples from the waste pile were taken by Ms. Teri Shull of Peoria Disposal Co. (PDC). The samples were to be split so as to obtain samples for the IEPA to analyze. PDC is sampling to determine whether the waste pile contains hazardous materials and if it will be within their standards to accept. Mr. Nick Tita, Chemist for Wastex, aided in sampling by scooping the material with a shovel and allowing Ms. Shull to collect the samples from the shovel. Terry Hein of Wastex was also present. Two composite samples were taken from the pile. The first composite was taken at 10:00 a.m. and consisted of samples from five surface areas from various locations on the waste pile. The second composite sample was taken at 10:15 a.m. from three areas at various depths. The depths were 1 foot, 2 feet, and surface. Cold weather and the frozen condition of the waste pile prohibited the collection of deeper samples.

Directly in front of the waste pile were five drums filled with floor sweepings, as per Mr. Hein. Randy Ballard took a sample from each of the drums at 10:25-10:29 a.m. The composite samples from the waste pile were taken into the lab at Wastex and were split by Mr. Ballard and Ms. Shull at 10:50 a.m. for sample X206 and at 10:55 a.m. for sample X207. The samples will be analyzed for organics and flashpoint.

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